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MOST FIRE VICTIMS SOUGHT HELP IN FIRST MONTH *Assistance Centers Continue to be Staffed by State and Feds*

More than 4400 households have registered as fire victims at the three County of San Diego Local Assistance Centers, and with numbers of visitors declining weekly, the County will be transitioning management of the centers to federal and state Disaster Recovery Centers beginning Monday, Dec. 8.

County assessment teams are continuing to update damage figures, and have documented 2355 homes and other buildings that were damaged or destroyed in the unincorporated areas. The number of those seeking assistance is higher than the number of homes damaged because some fire victims may have lost businesses, accessory buildings, vehicles or experienced other fire-related losses. For more information on damage numbers see:

http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/enterprise_portal/announcements/damageupdate.pdf

Fire victims can still receive information about County services at the centers or they may call the County Fire Hotline at 866-402-6044. Residents also may receive County services at department offices downtown or in Kearny Mesa. For information on addresses and business hours, residents may check the County web site at www.sdcountry.ca.gov.

While the number of visitors to the Valley Center, Ramona and Alpine centers has declined, the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) will continue to be staffed by FEMA, SBA and State agencies. The locations will remain the same and the DRC's will maintain hours previously set: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm.

The DRC that is operating in Julian will also continue operating during those hours.

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